

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of formatting data for populating a telecommunications switch, comprising the steps of:

downloading output-formatted data from the switch;  
converting the output-formatted data to input-formatted data acceptable for input to the switch;

editing the input-formatted data, wherein the step of editing the input-formatted data includes adding new data to the input-formatted data according to a format of the input-formatted data, whereby the new data is NPA-NXX data;

transmitting the input-formatted data to the switch; and  
populating the switch with the input-formatted data.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of opening a link between a first computing system and the switch; and

transmitting the input-formatted data to the switch via the link between the first computing system and the switch.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the step of opening a link between a first computing system and the switch includes opening a Telnet session at the first computing system; and

establishing a communications link for transmitting data to and from the first computing system and the switch.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of downloading output-formatted data from the switch includes the steps of:

launching a data formatting program on the first computing system; and  
opening a graphical user interface for receiving downloaded output-formatted data from the switch; and

copying the output-formatted data into the graphical user interface.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of editing the input-formatted data includes the step of deleting data from the input-formatted data.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the input-formatted data to the switch includes the step of transmitting the input-formatted data to a second switch.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the step of transmitting the input-formatted data to the switch includes the step of transmitting the input-formatted data to a plurality of switches.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the step of populating the switch with the input-formatted data includes the step of populating a second switch with the input-formatted data.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the step of populating the switch with the input-formatted data includes the step of populating a plurality of switches with the input-formatted data.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the data includes routing information for call processing.

13-22. (Canceled)